## What Is Claimed Is:

- 1 1. A measuring system having a first set of standard
- 2 gradations spaced along a length thereof, each gradation being
- 3 based on a multiple of a light second, wherein the light second
- 4 is based on a light year.
- 1 2. The system of claim 1, wherein the standard gradation
- 2 is a new inch, 10 new inches making up a new foot, and 5,000 new
- 3 feet making up a new mile, and a new foot is based on 1
- 4 billionth of a light second.

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- 3. The system of claim 2 including a second set of metric
  - gradations representing ha metric system, wherein a metric
- 3 gradation from the second set includes one of a centimeter,
  - 4 wherein one centimeter equals 0.3333333 new inches, a millimeter
  - 5 wherein one millimeter equals 0.03333333 new inches, and one
    - kilometer wherein one kilometer equals 3,333,333 new feet.
  - 1 4. The system of claim 2, wherein three new centimeters
  - 2 equal one new inch.
  - 1 5. The system of claim 1, wherein 1.5 new kilometers
  - 2 equal a new mile.
  - 1 6. The system of claim 1, comprising a ruler having the
  - 2 first set of gradations thereon.

- 7. The system of claim 3, comprising a ruler having new
- 2 inches on one igledge, and one of new millimeters or new
- 3 centimeters on another edge.
- 1 8. The system of claim 1 wherein a new foot equals
- 2 11.80285267716 old inches, 10 new inches equal a new foot, and
- 3 5,000 new feet equal a new mile.
- 1 9. The system of thim 1, wherein the gradations are on
- 2 one of a tape measure  $\langle a \rangle$  straightedge, a foldable measuring
- 3 device, or are incorporated into electronic devices and their
- 4 software.
- 1 10. A method of measuring a distance between two points
- 2 wherein the measurement standard employs a fraction of a light
- *"3* second.

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- 11. The method of claim 10) wherein the measurement
- standard is a billionth of a light second for each new foot.

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